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Wed. - Sat. 1 - 6 pm
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Open on Sundays from 1pm-9:30pm
Wed. – Sat. 5:30pm
Phone/fax 510-841-3800

147 INKWORKS

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.

Two-Month Calendar
See back for February

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La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events • January • 2005

(FEBRUARY 05 ON THE BACK)

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy
– M.L. King Jr.

Keep Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive by continuing to further the cause of peace and justice in the world!

La Familia 1/29

SATURDAY

1 Feliz Año Nuevo a Todos!

THE CAFE AND THE CULTURAL CENTER ARE CLOSED TODAY.

The staff and board of La Peña Cultural Center and Cafe Valparaiso wish all of you a Happy New Year!

La Lucha Continua!

La Tania 1/8

SUNDAY

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Domingo de Rumba @ the Café

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3:30pm Free

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END THE OCCUPATION!

BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

COUNTER-INAUGURAL DEMONSTRATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

Gather 5pm, SFs Civic Center

16 Rumba

Domingo de Rumba

Community participatory event. The Afro-Cuban folkloric drums, dances, and songs of rumba. Rumba is the word used for a group of related, community-oriented, musical and dance styles in Cuba. Rumba developed in rural Cuba, with strong influences from African drumming and Spanish poetry and singing.

3:30pm Free @ Café lobby

23 FILM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Swirl BayArea Film

A Beautiful Blend: Mixed Race in America, a documentary in which Swirl members are interviewed. Swirl, Inc. is a national organization that aims to build mixed race communities while providing support to mixed families, transracial adoptees, and inter-racial/cultural/faith couples, to celebrate and explore their heritages.

3-5pm www.swirlinc.org RSVP at: <bayarea@swirlinc.org>

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OPEN FROM 1PM

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Los Nadies 1/7

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CAFE POETRY AND OPEN MIC
HOSTED BY POET
KIRA ALLEN
7:30PM DONATION

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Cafe Poetry hosted by **Richard Moore** AKA **PARADISE**
Freejahlove, an Oakland poet of *A Thousand Poems* and dozens of books including, ***The Best of Paradise.***

7:30pm donation

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Showrinho 1/27

27 CONCERT

Direct from Brasil!
Showrinho

Showrinho performs a fusion of *choro* and *samba-choro* called *chorinho*. Playing with acoustic instruments, this trio, on the their 2nd U.S. tour, performs the music of Villa Lobos, Hermeto Pascoal, Valdir Azevedo, Dominguinhos, Gilberto Gil, and Pixinguinha.

8pm $10

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THURSDAY

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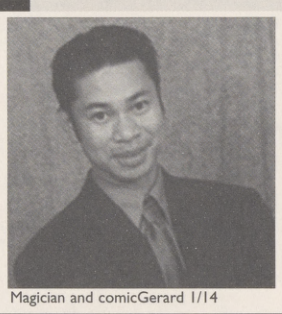
Magician and comicGerard 1/14

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FRIDAY

7 BENEFIT CONCERT

Fundraiser Send Off of the Social Equity Caucus Delegation to the World Social Forum in Brazil
Featuring **Los Nadies**, one of the freshest sounds to come out of the Bay Area's Latin music scene in a long time with special guest **Andres Soto**. Masters of Ceremony: **A.J. Napolis** (Communities for a Better Environment). Evening also includes: SEC Delegation speakers, silent auction, spoken word, DJ, & more!
7:30pm $5 - $25 Sliding Scale*
More info call Urban Habitat: 510-839-9608

14 COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

Comedy-Magic Night

Special Family Show

A night of comedic magic featuring Germar and Gerald. Experience an evening of laughs and magic with two magicians who also are great comedians.

8pm $10 general, $8 kids, students, seniors

21 FILM

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, SF Chapter in collaboration with La Peña presents

Until When....

A documentary by and about Palestinians, refugees in their own land. Participants are invited to a discussion after the showing of the documentary. Dr. Jess Ghannam, one of the film producers, will be present to answer questions.

8pm $8

8 Juanita Ulloa 11am $5

La Nina Flamenco Series

LA TANIA in a rare Bay Area appearance
with legendary Gypsy guitarist
JOSE VALLE "CHUSCALES'
and special guest artist
YIYI OROZCO
joined by **CAROLA ZERTUCHE**
and **NINA MENENDEZ**
8pm $18 adv. , $20 dr.

"Brought to you by La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership"

15 Germar the Magician 10:30 am

Baile/Dance
Montuno Groove Dance
An eleven-piece orchestra, Montuno Groove is headed by veterans Tami Ellis (trumpet) and Gloria Amaral (vocals). Montuno Groove combines Latin Jazz, Puerto Rican & Cuban Salsa and Son, adding their own flavor to cover tunes by changing arrangements, adding harmonies, and incredible energy.
9:30pm $10

22 COLIBRI 10:30AM

ANNUAL PAT PARKER TRIBUTE & CELEBRATION

Melanie De More, Piri Thomas, Judith Kate Friedman, Gwen Avery, Reginald Lockett, Andrea Turner, Leroy Moore, Anna Maria Flechero, Noemi Sohn, Sandy Poindexter, Q.R. Hand, Phavia Kujichagulia, Blackberi, Tres Santos, Genny Lim, and Avotcja.

8pm $10-$20 sliding scale*

(all proceeds from this benefit go to Pat's Daughter Anastacia)

29 EARTHCAPADES 10:30AM

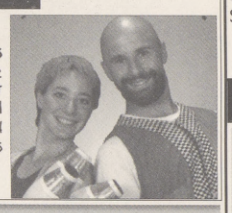
BAILE
Cuban Son meets Latin Jazz
Tiempo Latino
SF Latin Jazz
La Familia
Afro-Cuban Son y mas
and a descarga with musicians from both bands!
9pm $10

Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday morning children's programs

Jan. 8: Three King's Celebration. Celebrate Juanita Ulloa's new Christmas songs & her new CD with a cake in the Rosca tradition. For the whole family! 11am $5

Jan. 15: Germar the Magician. This award winning magician strives to entertain and educate through his magic & illusions. 10:30am $4 adults $3 kids

Jan. 22: Colibri Latin American traditional & original music for the whole family. 10:30am $4 adults $3 kids



Jan. 29: Earthcapades Lissin & Hearty: The funniest and hottest duo in the juggling world today! 10:30am $4 adults $3 kids

Montuno Groove 1/15

Drumming Classes @ La Peña with master drummer & oud player
Mohsen
Saturdays 11:30am - 1pm. 10 week session from January 8 - March 12, 2005
Age 11 and above For more info please call Mohsen Subhi at 415-317-2927

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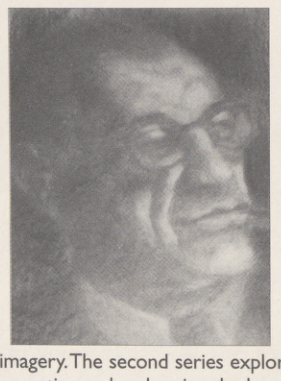
En Las Paredes / La Peña Art Exhibits / January 2004

Cafe: Portraits in Charcoal by **Antonio Gutierrez Rodriguez**. A series of portraits in charcoal that evoke primary feelings. These feelings, which are basic in the human soul are fundamental in all of us. Through February 31.



Lobby: Paintings by Mexican - American artist and educator **Cecilia Elvira Garcia**. Cecilia currently works in oil and mixed media. The first series is rooted in her Latin ancestry: the color, warmth and passion expressed through the use of still-life imagery. The second series explores the human passage to accepting and embracing the beauty and sorrow of life through the use of figurative imagery. Exhibit runs through January 31.

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Since 1975 more than 1, 000 community groups and organizations have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our facility does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. As part of our educational and cultural mission, La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate a positive environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples, cultures, and points of view.

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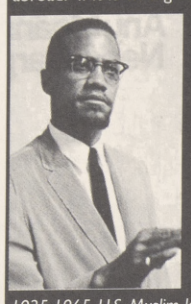
SEE JANUARY 05 ON THE BACK

"If violence is wrong in America, violence is wrong abroad. If it is wrong to be violent defending black women and black children and black babies and black men, then it is wrong for America to draft us, and make us violent abroad in defense of her. And if it is right for America to draft us, and teach us how to be violent in defense of her, then it is right for you and me to do whatever is necessary to defend our own people right here in this country." – *Malcolm X,*



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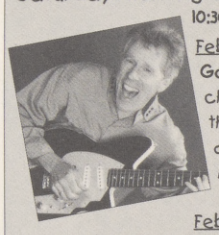
Sia Amma 2/26

Amiguitos de La Peña

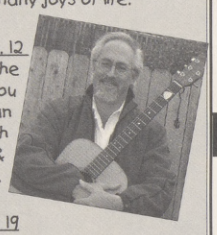
Saturday morning children's programs

10:30am $4 adults $3 children



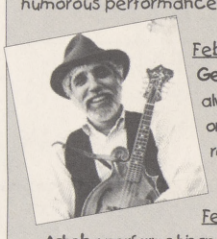
Feb. 5

Gary Lapow's shows teach children to respect themselves, reach out to others & celebrate the many joys of life.



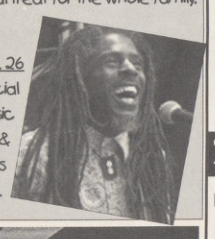
Feb. 12

Dan Goldensohn writes the finest music for children you can hear anywhere. Dan knows how to reach children in his positive & humorous performances.



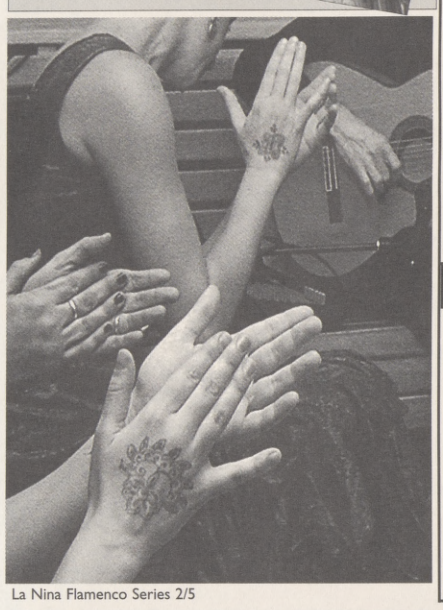
Feb. 19

Gerry Tenney's concerts are always a wonderful mix of original and traditional music. A real treat for the whole family.



Feb. 26

Asheba performs his special blend of Afro-Caribbean music that includes calypso & reggae that reflect his roots in Trinidad.



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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN FROM 1PM

20 **RUMBA 3-6pm**

In celebration of Black History Month and the 12th Anniversary of The Cultural Heritage Choir

Linda Tillery and The Cultural Heritage Choir

Singing spirituals, blues, chants in celebration of African American culture in a live CD recording session

7pm $14 adv., $16 dr.

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WEDNESDAY

2 **CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN**

9 **CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM**

Chiapas to California Speaking Tour

Ramon Peña Diaz from the Network of Community Human Rights Defenders will speak about indigenous communities assuming their own defense & a representative from CIEPAC; a chiapas political and economic research center, will also speak.

7:30pm $5-$10 sliding scale *

Chiapas craft will be on sale. Chiapas Support Committee: 510- 654-9587

16 **CAFE POETRY**

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THURSDAY

3 **CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN**

Rhythm Village 2/4

10 **RUSSIAN & CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Alexander Tsygankov & Inna Shevchenko have performed together for many years. Mr. Tsygankov is called the "Russian Paganini" and holds the coveted title of "Distinguished Artist of Russia." INNA SHEVCHENKO holds the much revered title of "Honored Artist of Russia" and is a renowned piano soloist and accompanist. She too has toured the US as a member of the well known Moscow Balalaika.

8pm $15 adv., $20 dr.

17 **PROGRAM TBA**

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN AT 5:30PM

24 **CAFE OPENS @ 5:30**

FRIDAY

4 **CONCERT**

Rhythm Village

High energy performance & facilitation of West African music and dance, including performance by African masters. We will all play, so bring a drum or use one of ours.

8pm $14 gen., $12 students

Reserve a drum: 415-453-3285

11 **DANCE LECTURE DEMO**

De Rompe y Raja
featuring Lalo Izquierdo

Afro-Peruvian Music & Dance Lecture Demonstration

Come see a full range of Afro-Peruvian rhythms and dances demonstrated. This evening will launch a season of free classes on Afro-Peruvian Folklore at La Peña, visit www.lapena.org

8:30pm $10

18 **POETRY SLAM**

TWO NIGHTS: FRIDAY 18 AND SATURDAY 19

9th Annual Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam

Youth Speaks is pleased to present the 9th Annual Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam, the first of its kind in the country. Over 400 young poets from throughout the Bay Area will participate in this annual event throughout the month of February, with 40 sharing their original words from the stage at La Peña. 4 semi-finalists from each night will advance to the Grand Slam Finals on Saturday, February 26th at Herbst Theater in San Francisco. For info www.youthspeaks.org 415.255.9035

7pm $10 gen / $4 (under20) tix@lapena.org 510.849-2568 ext 20

25 **DANCE PERFORMANCE**

Jaranon y Bochinche

Centro Cultural Tradicion Peruana presents an evening of traditional and contemporary Afro-Peruvian music and dance from Peru's coastal region.

8:30pm $15

SATURDAY

5 GARY LAPOW MORNING CONCERT 10:30AM $4 ADULTS $3 KIDS

La Nina Flamenco Series

An evening of world-class **Flamenco Music and Dance** featuring GUEST ARTISTS from SPAIN.

Brought to you by La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership.

8pm $18 adv., $20 dr.

12 DAN GOLDENSOHN 10:30AM

10th Annual LOVE FEST 2005

Alternative Valentine's day celebration in spoken word & music. Plus release party for Aya's new CD "Joy in the Struggle." Hosted by **Aya de León**, featuring Ise Lyfe, Meliza Bañales, Shailja Patel, Elena & Samora Pinderhughes & more! 2 shows!

7PM & 9:30PM $10adv. $12dr.

Also Aya de León hosts ***"The Beloved Self,"*** a mass self-marriage workshop extravaganza for brides of all genders 12:30-5pm. Call 510-273-2473 or marryyourself@yahoo.com

19 Gerry Tenney 10:30am

26 Asheba 10:30am

Clitoris Celebration-*Think Outside the Box*, is a celebration of female sexuality hailed for its honesty, sense of humor, & most importantly, its mission to empower through celebration. Hilarious, provocative, and empowering, the show has received glowing accolades across the country from critics and audiences alike. Performed by various women artists and by the writer and comedian Sia Amma

8pm $15 adv., $18 dr.

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Linda Tillery & The Cultural Heritage Choir 2/20

Alexander Tsygankov & Inna Shevchenko 2/10

Aya de León 2/12

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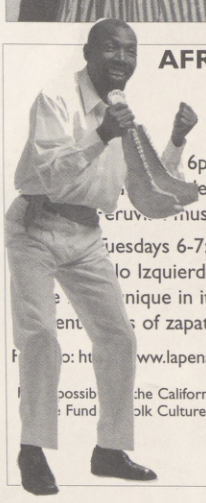
De Rompe y Raja 2/11



AFRO PERUVIAN PERCUSSION & DANCE CLASSES / FREE

with members of **De Rompe y Raja**
February 15–June 2005

6pm-7:30pm, **Cajon Class** with Lalo Izquierdo and ...es. Cajon is the main percussive instrument in Afro-...eruvi... music. Learn to play traditional rhythms and songs.

...uesdays 6-7:30pm, **Zapateo Class** Afro-Peruvian Dance with ...lo Izquierdo/Gabriela Shiroma. The zapateo is a fancy hard shoe ...nique in its foot work and rhythms. Learn traditional songs and ...ent... of zapateo.

...p: ht... ...ww.lapena.org/Classes/classTOC.html

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Yes, I want to support La Peña by joining the Song of Unity Membership!

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$250 *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**

$100 *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**

$50 *Malvina Reynolds* – receive a **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**

$35 *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the **calendar,** newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)

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